

# Florida House of Representatives

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## Representative Kevin Rader and Senator Ted Deutch File Legislation Against Nuclear Iran

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** --- Representative Kevin J. G. Rader (D-Delray Beach) and Senator Ted Deutch (D-Boca Raton) and have introduced bills that seek to preclude companies that conduct business in Iran from receiving Florida taxpayer funds in the form of state government contracts.

"With a deep concern about nuclear weapons development and political tensions in The Middle East, I believe it is our responsibility, as leaders in the State of Florida, to stand up to businesses that are directly assisting a nuclear Iran," said Representative Rader.

House Bill 743 and Senate Bill 2520 will prevent any company that does business with Iran or other business entities doing business in Iran from receiving Florida taxpayer funds in the form of contracts or purchasing agreements for commodities or contractual services. The state bills are based on the *Accountability for Business Choices in Iran Act* that was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in October 2009.

The current Rader/Deutch legislation is modeled on the federal "Accountability for Business Choices in Iran Act" or "ABC Iran Act," introduced by U.S. Representatives Ron Klein and John Mica in the United States House. With passage of this legislation, businesses will be forced to decide whether they want to continue to do business with the State of Florida or with Iran.

For a timeline demonstrating Iran's nuclear non-compliance, please visit the following website:

http://www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com/sites/default/files/Iran\_and\_Nuclear\_NonCompliance\_A\_Timeline.pdf

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